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FROM : Attn: []

Date JUN 21 1953

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND/PARAM
SPECIFIC- BGFIEND Monthly Survey Report, 15 May - 14 June 1953

REF: SGAA-4293, KAPOK-1650, 29 May 1953

1. Air Operations

Orange Team, the leader of Plum Team and two containers bearing two rucksacks a piece were dropped to the Apple/2 reception committee on the night of 4 June. The number two man of Plum Team hesitated at the door of the plane after his leader had jumped, thus preventing the number three man from jumping. These two Plum Tree members were returned to Athens as another pass over the D/Z was considered too great a security risk.

2. Personnel

No change.

3. Operations

a. Apple Tree/2

(1) The following W/T contacts were made with Apple/2 during this report period:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document number</u>
109	15 May	SGAA-4242
110	16 May	SGAA-4242
111	18 May	SGAA-4242
112	19 May	SGAA-4242
113	20 May	SGAA-4323
114	23 May	SGAA-4323
115	23 May	SGAA-4323
116	26 May	SGAA-4323
117	27 May	SGAA-4323
118	27 May	SGAA-4323
119	29 May	SGAA-4420

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<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document number</u>
120	29 May	SGAA-4420
121	31 May	SGAA-4420
122	1 June	SGAA-4420
123	1 June	SGAA-4420
124	2 June	SGAA-4420
125	3 June	SGAA-4420
126	4 June	SGAA-4603
127	4 June	SGAA-4603
128	5 June	SGAA-4603
129	5 June	SGAA-4603
130	10 June	SGAA-4603 and C 33882
131	13 June	C 3911

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(2) Highlights of this month's traffic are:

(a) Information that a Yugoslav team is operating in the Peshkopi area.

Information that

(b)/ The Albanian Government is forcefully recruiting youths to work on the Mati electric plant.

(c) The four agents and one container dropped to Apple/2 on the night of 4 June were not received. The team advised the drop was made from a very high altitude. They heard rifle fire the following morning.

(3) Some question regarding Apple/2's status exists due to messages received subsequent to the personnel and supply drop on 4 June. Apple/2 first asked why the drop was incomplete and later indicated they had not received any of the agents or supplies. This apparent conflict may be explained. If the airplane made the drop at too great an altitude, as Apple claims, the reception committee may have seen agents leaving the plane but failed to locate them when they landed a substantial distance from the D/Z.

(4) Until we can establish the status of this team, it will be handled as probably controlled.

b. Apple Tree/3

(1) The following W/T contacts were made with Apple/3 during this report period:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document number</u>
2	15 May	SGAA-4241
3	19 May	SGAA-4324
4	21 May	SGAA-4324

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Contact	Date	Document number
5	23 May	SGAA-4324
6	24 May	SGAA-4324
7	27 May	SGAA-4324
8	31 May	SGAA-4419
9	3 June	SGAA-4419
10	8 June	SGAA-4604 and []-3858
11	10 June	SGAA-4604 and []-3874
12	10 June	SGAA-4604 and []-3882
13	13 June	[] 1907

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(2) The month's traffic has been exclusively concerned with Apple/3's exfiltration attempt. The delay in this team's return to Greece has been due to the activities of host forces as well as the poor physical condition of four of the six team members. AIRTIGHT has dysentery, GABNEGATE was injured in parachuting to Apple/2, RNDOMINO is weakened due to the illness following the breaking of his hand last November and RNPOTLOG has been wounded in an engagement with security forces on the night of 7 June. Our offers to resupply the team by air have been rejected because the team is physically incapable of making arrangements for reception.

(3) The possibility that this team is also controlled prompted us to order AIRTIGHT and one guide exfiltrate alone. The team's response was that all members would continue to move toward the border together.

(4) In order to better support Apple/3's exfiltration attempt, [] accompanied by [] and [] went to the border area on the 9th of June. He was able to spot Albanian outposts and observe patrol activity in the segment of the border selected for the exfiltration attempt. Arrangements were made with Greek border units to take diversionary measures when Apple/3 reported its intention to cross into Greece. Army patrols will also infiltrate to meet Apple/3 and assist them over the last stretch to the border. [] received information on the best exfiltration route for Apple/3 to use and this information has been radioed to the team. [] party returned to Athens 12 June.

c. Observant

Gadunce continues his interrogation activities.

d. Oblavate

Gaccent continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

4. OBATLANTIS

a. The staff quarters at OBATLANTIS are now all but completed. Electrical and plumbing facilities are installed and in working order. An additional

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cistern is being constructed at the site of the staff quarters so that we will have enough water storage capacity for one operational season. We were forced to take this measure when it was finally determined that the well at the site is totally inadequate, for our needs. The owner's claim that this well produced 250 gallons of water per day proved to be highly inaccurate. It is nothing but a small underground reservoir of rain water, and according to chemical analyses, it also receives contributions from other less potable sources.

b. The Commandant of the Greek Army Engineer School at Loutraki has indicated that the road from Loutraki to Skyno, that he has agreed to build for us, will be completed by 25 July. This road will greatly simplify our communication problem with the site as it will cut the length of our voyage by water from 3 hours to 45 minutes. Round trip time from Athens to OBATLANTIS is now 11 hours; with the new road it will be cut to 7 hours.

c. Six days of foul weather in the Gulf of Corinth has substantially retarded construction, but every effort is being made to meet our 1 July deadline.

d. The work boat designed by Trohan and constructed under his supervision was put in service May 22. It has been an invaluable means of communication since that date.

5. Action Outstanding - Washington

a. Provision of lek for 1953 operations.

315.1 b. Response to SGAA-4388, regarding the status of []

315.1 c. Provision of interrogation aids requested in SGAA-2470, 31 January 1953.

315.1 d. Notification of ETA of vehicle requested in SGAA-2022 and discussed in SGAW-1521, 13 April 1953.

315.1 e. Action on SGAA-3895, 5 May 1953, regarding [] promotion.

315.1 f. Response to SGAA-3900, 5 May 1953, regarding the removal of ink markings.

g. Provision of operational clearances requested in the following dispatches:

(1) SGAA-1144, 30 October 1952, Riza Ibuss Xhezar (POC granted in DIR-04690).

(2) SGAA-2365, 24 January 1953, Michael Doukakis still under review

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- (3) SGAA-2630, 11 February 1953, Grigorios Mentis
- (4) SGAA-2716, 19 February 1953, Stefanos Lioliomanis *being processed*
- (5) SGAA-3081, 16 March 1953, Llazar Piloj *need PRO*
- (6) SGAA-3195, 24 March 1953, Gani Malushi (full clearance) *same*
- (7) SGAA-3219, 24 March 1953, Safet Malushi *same*
- (8) SGAA-3438, 13 April 1953, Sotir Tolkas (full clearance) *being processed*
- (9) SGAA-3565, 18 April 1953, Istref Dogjani *see SG/PRO - 2113*
- (10) SGAA-3594, 20 April 1953, Haxhi Kalbi
- (11) SGAA-3564, 18 April 1953, Sefullah Demir Murati
- (12) SGAA-3806, 27 April 1953, Stelianos Vlachakis. (request full clearance) DI R-04685.

(Action to clear Sinan Doci per SGAA-3595, 20 April 1953, may be discontinued as he has been accepted by the French Farm Scheme.)

6. Action Outstanding - Field

- a. Construction of OBATLANTIS and preparation of training schedule for 1953.
- b. Implementation of 1953 operational schedule.
- c. Establishment of []

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